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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN RESPONSE: URGING IRAN TO RELEASE  
DETAINED AMERICAN, MS SABERI

REF: STATE 30046

Classified By: Political Counselor, James F. Cole, for reasons 1.4 (b)  
and (d)

(S/NF) March 31, Poloff approached Justin Whyatt, Director of the Middle East Section, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to request the GOA urge the Iranian government through the resident Iranian Embassy and/or the Australian Embassy in Tehran to release Roxana Saberi as a humanitarian gesture. Mr. Whyatt, acknowledging the urgency of the matter, provided an assurance that Australia would pursue the matter through its Mission in Tehran or by means of the Iranian Mission in Canberra. The text of the Australian message to the Iranians and their response will be provided septel.

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